



**STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
STATE PLANNING COORDINATION**

March 22, 2007

Mr. Morris Deputy
Town of Middletown
18 West Green Street
Middletown, DE 19709

RE: PLUS review – PLUS 2007-02-13; Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Deputy:

Thank you for meeting with State agency planners on February 28, 2007 to discuss the proposed Town of Middletown comprehensive plan amendment. It is our understanding that the Town of Middletown intends to amend the currently certified comprehensive plan to incorporate the following master planned studies into the transportation section of the plan:

The Westtown Circulation Concept Plan
The East Middletown Transportation Plan

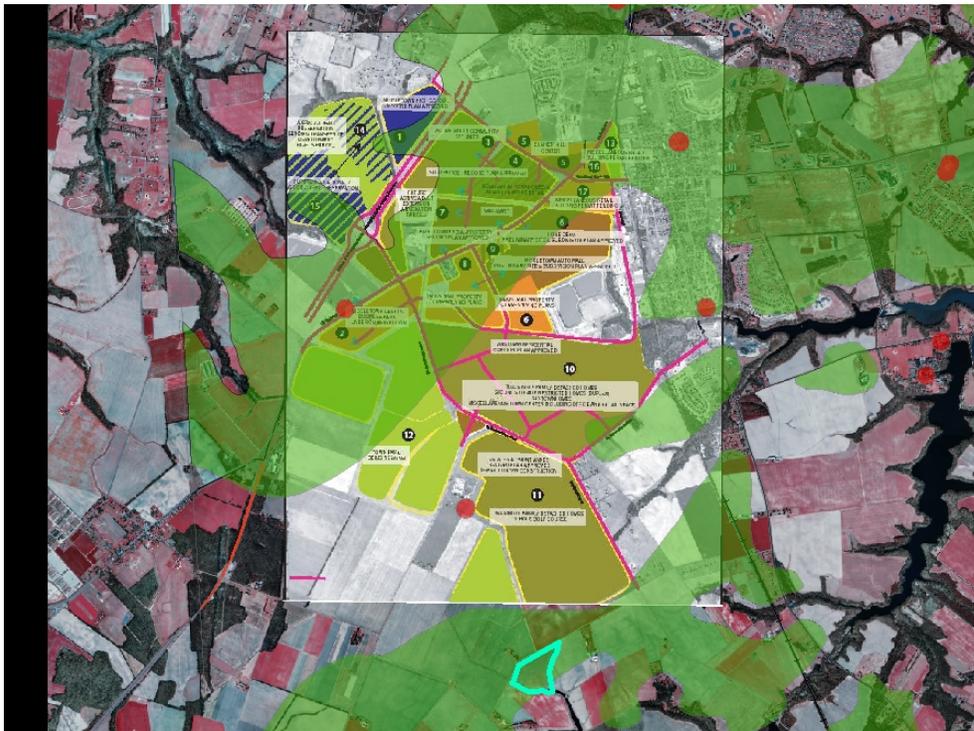
The State has no objections to the inclusion of these two plans into the current comprehensive plan.

With that said, The Department of Natural Resources notes that though there is no discussion on the excellent ground-water recharge potential in these two plans, this issue should be addressed when development moves forward in these areas.

DNREC noted that the Town of Middletown's comprehensive plan addresses the areas of excellent recharge potential in Chapter 7 and Middletown has shown intent to protect these areas by limiting impervious surface and prohibiting the storage of hazardous materials. However, because of the large scale development that is being discussed in the

two master plans, DNREC feels that there should also be some discussion regarding the excellent recharge areas and how they will be preserved and maintained if this development moves forward.

DNREC has overlain Figure 8 from the Westtown Transportation Plan to show how the proposed development impacts the excellent ground-water recharge potential area highlighted in green.



The Town of Middletown should notify this office once Council has approved the addition of these two transportation plans into the current comprehensive plan so that our records may be updated. Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 302-739-3090.

Sincerely,

Constance C. Holland, AICP
Director